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Annual Meeting Registration Extended to June 8

Many people have already registered. Does your church have your lay delegates registered? We will soon begin mailing Gift Boxes to registrants with special items to be used for worship and during the Meeting.

Healing Forward

The Annual Meeting schedule, the list of workshops, business items are located on the website at: https://www.secucc.org/news-and-events/annual-meeting-2021

REGISTER ONLINE

Final Meet & Greet Opportunities with our Candidate

There are two final Zoom opportunities to meet and greet the Rev. Kimberly Wood, candidate for the position of Conference Minister. The vote to elect her will be at the Annual Meeting Business Session on June 19. See more information about Rev. Wood on our website.

- June 7 at 4 pm EDT/3 pm CDT - Register
- June 8 at 11 am EDT/10 CDT – Join Online *(no registration required as this is the regular Tuesday Clergy Conversation)*

Looking Ahead to Special Events

Ordination of Tyler Ung on June 13, 2021

Circular Congregational UCC and the Commission on Ministry of the Southeast Conference of the UCC invite you to the Ordination of Tyler Ung, Sunday, June 13, 2021, during Circular's Sunday morning worship at 10:00 a.m. Eastern. RSVP here to join virtually: https://forms.gle/k1YCXmthneQTNJDR6

Pre-Annual Meeting Events

Hearing on the Conference Budget and Bylaw Changes

Tuesday, June 15; 7 pm EDT / 6 pm CDT.
The documents are located on the Annual Meeting website at https://www.secucc.org/news-and-events/annual-meeting-2021/#agenda-items. Come with questions or comments. Everyone is welcome!!! **Register Online Here** *(note this registration is separate from Annual Meeting)*

A Special Juneteenth Presentation

Thursday, June 17; 7 pm EDT / 6 pm CDT
Join us for this special presentation. Everyone is welcome!For more information about Juneteenth and our speaker, visit our website. **Register Online Here** *(note this registration is separate from Annual Meeting)*

Preparation for Annual Meeting

Necrology - During Annual Meeting there will be an opportunity to share the names of individuals within congregations who have passed away since our last Annual Meeting, September 26, 2021. We are asking that 1 delegate from each congregation be prepared to share the names when asked.

Annual Meeting Offering – Since we are moving into the season of tornados and hurricanes, the Board of Directors is suggesting that Annual Meeting offerings be designated to the Conference Disaster Relief Fund. Donations can be made via our website or with a check payable to the Southeast Conference and mailed to P.O. Box 1950, Decatur, GA 30031. Be sure to specify it is for Disaster Relief.

Looking Beyond Annual Meeting

Ecclesiastical Councils

June 24, 5 pm EDT/4 pm CDT

You are invited to participate in two virtual Ecclesiastical Councils on the same day: Tonya Barnette for ordination and Rev. Dr. Valencia Jackson for Privilege of Call. Look for more information and the zoom link in upcoming newsletters.

This Week From the UCC

Sexuality & The Black Church

June 8, 3:30 pm EDT/4:30 pm CDT

Ministers for Racial, Social, and Economic Justice (MRSEJ) is launching a curriculum intended to address the historical challenges faced around fully embracing all expressions of Black sexuality. While such challenges are not unique in any expression of the church regardless of racial/ethnic identity, ongoing challenges to the recognition of the broad spectrum of gender identities and sexuality is at the heart of many theological, spiritual, psychological, and practical struggles Black congregations face. Join us for this panel discussion with the thought leaders behind this curriculum and learn more about its origin, intent, and ways you might engage. **REGISTER**

Reparatory Justice and Reparations: Truth-Telling, Conciliation, and Healing

June 9, 6:00 pm EDT/5:00 pm CDT

The Case for Reparations is a national and global movement for people of African descent—enslaved Africans and their descendants globally. Reparatory justice is also needed for descendants of Indigenous peoples including Native Americans, Latin Americans, Asian/Pacific Islanders/Hawaiians whose legacies include genocide, theft of land, the denial of legal and human rights, and forced labor to build the wealth of Europe and U.S. territories. During this digital program, we will introduce a new learning platform engaging the denomination in An Interactive Educational Study Guide on Reparatory Justice and

Reparations for the Christian Church in the 21st Century. **REGISTER**

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